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Local News

Ice cream served at the City Bakery.

Roy Coston, of Cline was in Brackett Friday on business.

R. Tatch, of Fehlis, was transacting business in our city Monday.

Services were held at the catholic church last Sunday morning and evening.

Jim Clamp returned Tuesday from Austin where he spent several days on business.

Ed Graff, the prosperous farmer, of Mud Creek was greeting friends in Brackett Monday.

O. J. Koehler, C. F. Voigt and F. Vunke of Falls city were prospecting in Kinney county this week.

Judge Jos Veltmann and daughter Miss Alice returned Sunday from the Veltmann camp near Silver Lake.

Sheriff Tom Perry returned Sunday from Arizona. He brought back a prisoner who was indicted by the grand jury at the last term of District Court.

Cigars at the city Bakery in the Patrick Building.

O. F. Scargant was in Del Rio, Monday on business.

Green Davidson, of San Antonio, spent Sunday at the Mariposa ranch.

The regular August term of Commissioners Court was in session this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hutchison of Tularosa were visiting relatives in Brackett Monday.

R. E. Cannon of Mud Creek was in town Monday to attend the regular term of commissioner's court.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Knykendall, of Llano, arrived in Brackett Saturday night and left Sunday morning for the Knykendall ranch where they will spend several days with relatives.

Ice cold drinks served at the Bakery.

Albert Schwandner, of Edwards County, was in Brackett this week on commissioner's court.

The young folks of the school house Friday night.

Geo Ray bought the Jim Gildea restaurant last week and is now ready to serve the public.

Tom Jackson, a ranchman of Edwards County, was transacting business in Brackett Monday.

Miss Lilly Rose returned home Sunday after an extended visit with relatives and friends in San Antonio.

Mrs. W. W. Young and children left yesterday morning for a visit to relatives at Brackett.—Sanderson Times.

Judge J. D. Guinn returned Saturday afternoon from a business trip to San Antonio and Eagle Pass and left the same evening for his camp at Silver Lake where his family is enjoying the summers vacation.

The cigarette fiend is being hit hard upon all sides in the business world. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad company has announced that every employe found smoking cigarettes the company will no longer give him employment. They have ascertained to their satisfaction that the cigarette fiend cannot, or does not perform his duties in as satisfactory a manner as does the other fellow. This is poor encouragement for our boys.

Some people object to the manner in which the illiterates were excluded from the primaries, in the recent election here. If they will go around and interview all the good white citizens of Del Rio however, they will come to the conclusion that they are overwhelmingly in the minority. We are awakening to clean elections here and the time is coming when we shall have them.—Del Rio Herald.

Illiterates Will Be Barred

Bill Designs to Increase Voter's Qualifications.

AUSTIN, TEX., Aug. 5.—Representative Adams, joined by Mr. Davis and Mr. Looney, has drawn a bill designed to increase the qualification of voters.

The measure will prohibit election judges, clerks or other persons connected with an election or not acting in an official capacity from indicating "by words, sign, symbol or writing to any citizen how he shall or should vote." No person shall assist another in preparing his ballot at any election.

Penalties attached range from \$50 to \$500 fines to imprisonment for not less than sixty days nor more than one year.

The illiterate voter is effectually barred under this proposed statute.

The emergency clause indicates the inspiration of the bill. "The fact that fraud has been perpetrated at elections held in this State," recites the clause, creates the emergency and imperative necessity demanding the suspension of the constitutional rule for the passage of the bill.

Where Was John?

A San Francisco woman whose husband had been dead some years, went to a medium, who produced the spirit of her dead husband.

"My dear John," said the widow to the spirit, "are you happy now?"

"I am very happy," John replied.

"Happier than you were on earth with me?" she asked.

"Yes," was the answer; "I am far happier than I was on earth with you."

"Tell me, John, what is it like in heaven?"

"Heaven!" said John. "I'm not in heaven."—Lippincotts.

We handle the San Antonio Express.

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Mrs. W. W. Young and children, of Sanderson arrived in our city the latter part of last week and left immediately for Silver Lake where they will spend several days camping with the families of J. H. and O. W. Stadler.

Twenty-seven girls who were graduated from a New York high school this summer wore gowns which they had made themselves at a cost varying from seventy-two cents to one dollar each. The girls sat with their classmates, numbering nearly two hundred and fifty, and, according to the report, the principal was unable to decide which girls wore the gowns that had cost their wearers a dollar and which wore gowns that had cost fifty dollars. The experiment was made by the dress-making department of the school, and its success demonstrates that the instruction offered is practicable and valuable.

One million pounds of wool, representing the spring clip from the flocks of Charles Schreiner and others in Kerr and adjoining counties, was sold Friday to a Boston concern. The price paid was withheld. The consignment is one of the largest sales made in the country this season. James McGuirk of Boston, representing Goodhue-Studley & Emery, made the purchase.

Good-hue Studley & Emery are commission merchants, and it is understood have been negotiating for the Schreiner wool for several weeks.—Texas Stockman & Farmer

Tigers 8. Soldiers 5.

The same team of Soldiers of the 23rd Infantry that played Hondo's Epworth team an eleven inning game of base ball at Hondo last Saturday to the score of 0 to 0, crossed bats with the Castroville Tiger team last Monday on the local ball park, and played one of the hardest fought games of base ball ever seen in Castroville. The game was no ones until the last man was out, and there was something doing every moment. Overcoming an early lead on the part of the Soldier nine, the Tigers won in a batting rally in the seventh inning which gave them five runs, and they defeated the Soldiers by the score of 8 to 5. Aside from that inning the battle was a close one and in favor of the U. S. boys. Both teams batted the ball hard, but well placed hits for Tigers, among them being a long drive home run by F. Jage and a three-base hit by R. Rihn which put ginger in the players, had some to do to win the game. The game was featured by sensational fielding on both sides. The pitching of Jage and Berran and catching of Hiles, and quick double play of Haller to R. Rihn were also features. It was a fine game of ball and witnessed by a large crowd.—Castroville Quill

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Mutiny and desertion on board the monitor Ozark among members of the District of Columbia naval militia has been reported at Washington by members of the crew, who left the sunboat at Annapolis Sunday and walked to that city. Twelve of the naval militia-men asserted the Ozark several days ago at Hampton Roads after trouble with the officers.

At a union meeting of the Christian Young People's Society of Fairbury, Neb., it was unanimously voted Wednesday to write an open letter to Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, daughter of former President Roosevelt, asking her to forego cigarettes, because of the evil influence it is bound to have on girls and boys in the country, according to their notion.

The entire police force of the town of Guttenberg, N. J., with the exception of the chief, has gone on strike. The men object to doing duty on Sunday unless they are granted some other day of the week off as compensation.

The State department of education Tuesday made an apportionment for August of 25 cents per capita for each child shown on the last scholastic census. This apportionment was made to pay off the remainder of the apportionment of \$6.25 per capita for each child for the fiscal year 1909-1910 and will amount to \$237,251 for 949,006 children shown on last year's scholastic census.

The first serious accident of a revenue cutter since the Gallatin was driven on a rock in Boston harbor during a heavy snowstorm eighteen years ago, became known Tuesday, when official advices reported that the Perry, carrying half a hundred officers and men, had run on a dangerous reef in Bering Sea and was a complete loss.

Secretary Ballinger Tuesday denied that his conference with Senator Crane at Minneapolis, Minn., related to or would be a part of his resignation. He said the matter discussed was not even of direct interest to him. He denounced his foes in strong language and said he intended to ignore them entirely.

Captain A. E. Waldron, United States engineer, is to go this week to Port Arthur to investigate the application of the Gulf Refining Company for permission to make improvements in the harbor that will cost probably \$500,000. The improvements will include the dredging and enlarging of a private basin for the use of the company and the construction of a wharfage.

The system of standardization of cotton devised by the department of agriculture at Washington probably will be used in general operations in an cotton exchanges by Sept. 1. The bureau of plant industry of the department which is daily sending out samples of various grades of cotton that have been selected as standards, expects that before the end of the present month the exchanges will be supplied sufficiently to permit transactions to be based upon the proposed standards.

FOREIGN.

The laying of a cable between London and Colon is receiving serious consideration. This will avoid the present troublesome communication with the outer world by means of wires to Nicaragua and the San Juan del Sur cable.

The population of the island of Porto Rico is 1,118,012, as shown by the complete returns of the recent census. This is a gain of 164,769, or 17.3 per cent, as compared with the census of 1899. San Juan is shown to be the largest town in the island, its population being 48,716. Ponce comes next with 35,927. San Juan made a gain in the eleven years of 16,668, or 52 per cent, and Ponce a gain of 7,075, or slightly over 25 per cent.

H. H. Byrne, counsellor for the Norwegian legation at Paris, was Friday appointed minister from Norway at Washington. He succeeds Ove Gude, who died July 1.

The government of Spain has learned that a priest in one of the Basque villages is distributing arms to the populace. An investigation was begun and troops have been ordered sent to that territory.

The Canadian Pacific steamship Princess May, which left Skagway, Alaska, southbound, for Vancouver on Friday with eighty passengers and a crew of sixty-eight struck the north reef of Sentinel Islet Saturday morning and, in a smooth sea, sank two hours later. All the baggage and passengers were taken to the lighthouse on Sentinel Islet.

Field Marshall Lopez Dolinguez, of Madrid, who is ex-president of the senate and ex-premier, in an interview Wednesday said he would support Premier Canalejas in his struggle for religious reforms, but he doubted the success of the movement on account of the immense power of the clergy and their influence over the women.

The note which Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state at Rome, is preparing in answer to that of Premier Canalejas will be submitted to the congregation of extraordinary affairs. The contents of the note will be kept strictly secret, the Holy See not wishing to follow the procedure of the Spanish premier in making it public prior to its receipt by the premier, but the Vatican officials are of the opinion that it will be given out to the newspapers as soon as it arrives in Madrid.

THE CIRCULAR STAIRCASE

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SYNOPSIS.

Miss Innes, spinster and guardian of Gertrude and Halsey, established summer headquarters at Sunnyside. Amidst numerous difficulties the servants deserted. As Miss Innes looked up for the night she was startled by a dark figure on the veranda. Emissary noises disturbed her during the night. In the morning Miss Innes found a strange link cuff-button in a hamper. Gertrude and Halsey arrived with Jack Bailey. The house was awakened by a revolver shot and Arnold Armstrong was found shot to death in the hall. Miss Innes found Halsey's revolver on the lawn. He and Jack Bailey had disappeared. Detective Jamieson arrived. Gertrude revealed she was engaged to Jack Bailey, with whom she talked in the billiard room a few moments before the murder. Jamieson accused Miss Innes of hiding back evidence. He imprisoned an intruder in an empty room. The prisoner escaped down a laundry chute. Gertrude and Halsey found the other half of what proved to be Jack Bailey's cuff-button. Halsey reappears and says he and Bailey were together at the murder. Gertrude said she had given Bailey an unloaded revolver, fearing to give him a loaded weapon. Cashier Bailey of Paul Armstrong's bank, defunct, was arrested for embezzlement. Halsey said Armstrong wrecked his own bank and could clear Bailey. Paul Armstrong's death was announced. Halsey's fiancée, Louise Armstrong, was found at the lodge. The lodgekeeper said Louise and Arnold had a long talk the night of the murder. Louise was prostrated. Louise told Halsey that while she still loved him she was to marry another, and that he would despise her when he learned the whole story. It developed that Dr. Walker and Louise were to be married. A prowler was heard in the house. Louise was found at the bottom of the circular staircase.

CHAPTER XVI.—Continued.

"I was not sleeping well," she began, "partly, I think, because I had slept during the afternoon. Liddy brought me some hot milk at ten o'clock and I slept until 12. Then I awakened and—I got to thinking about things, and worrying, so I could not go to sleep.

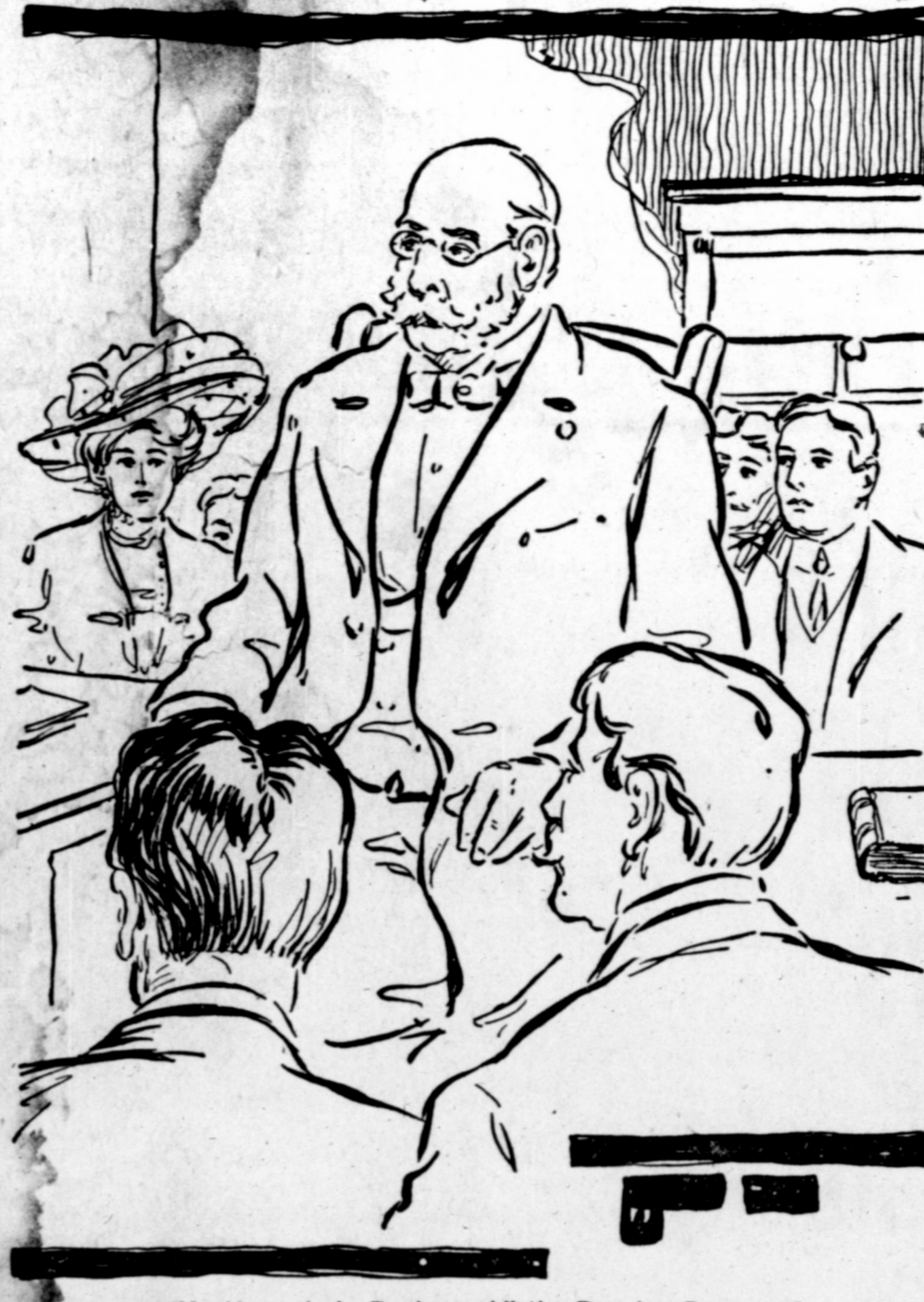
"I was wondering why I had not heard from Arnold since the—since I saw him that night at the lodge. I was afraid he was ill, because—he was to have done something for me, and he had not come back. It must have been three when I heard some one rapping. I sat up and listened, to be quite sure, and the rapping kept up. I was cautious, and I was about to call Liddy. Then suddenly I thought, and it was. The east wing. All give lar staircase were most of all the products of the country. I would rap and I would let him in. I thought, 'I don't think the time for his hours were always erratic. But I was afraid I was too weak to get down the stairs. The knocking kept up, and just as I was about to call Liddy, she ran through the room and out into the hall. I got up then, feeling weak and dizzy, and put on my dressing-gown. If it was Arnold, I knew I must see him.

"It was very dark everywhere, but, of course, I knew my way. I felt along for the stair-rail, and went down as quickly as I could. The knocking stopped, and I was afraid I was too late. I got to the foot of the staircase and over to the door on the east veranda. I had never thought of anything but that it was Arnold, until I reached the door. It was unlocked and opened about an inch. Everything was black; it was perfectly dark outside. I felt very queer and shaky. Then I thought perhaps Arnold had used his key; he did—strange things sometimes, and I turned around. Just as I reached the foot of the staircase I thought I heard some one coming. My nerves were going anyhow, there in the dark, and I could scarcely stand. I got up as far as the third or fourth step; then I felt that some one was coming toward me on the staircase. The next instant a hand met mine on the stair-rail. Some one brushed past me, and I screamed. Then I must have fainted."

That was Louise's story. There could be no doubt of its truth, and the thing that made it inexplicably awful to me was that the poor girl had crept down to answer the summons of a brother who would never need her kindly offices again. Twice, now, without apparent cause, some one had entered the house by means of the east entrance; had apparently gone his way unhindered through the house, and gone out again as he had entered. Had this unknown visitor been there a third time, the night Arnold Armstrong was murdered? Or a fourth, the time Mr. Jamieson had locked some one in the clothes chute?

Sleep was impossible, I think, for any of us. We dispersed finally to bathe and dress, leaving Louise little the worse for her experience. But I determined that before the day was over she must know the true state of affairs. Another decision I made, and I put it into execution immediately after breakfast. I had one of the unused bedrooms in the east wing, back along the small corridor, prepared for occupancy, and from that time on Alex, the gardener, slept there. One man in that barn of a house was an absurdity, with things happening all the time, and I must say that Alex was as unobjectionable as any one could possibly have been.

The next morning, also, Halsey and I made an exhaustive examination of the circular staircase, the small entry at its foot, and the cardroom opening from it. There was no evidence of anything unusual the night before, and



"My Home is in Englewood," the Doo too began.

had we not ourselves heard the rapping noises, I should have felt that Louise's imagination had run away with her. The outer door was closed and locked, and the staircase curved above us, for all the world like any other staircase.

Halsey, who had never taken seriously my account of the night Liddy and I were there alone, was grave enough now. He examined the paneling of the wainscoting above and below the stairs, evidently looking for a secret door, and suddenly there flashed upon him the recollection of a paper that Mr. Jamieson had shown Arnold Armstrong's effect, a nearly as possible I remember contents to him, while Halsey, who had told me this belief, as he put the memorandum before me from an examination of the wall and grounds. But as we opened the outer door something fell into the entry with a clatter. It was a cue from the billiard room.

Halsey picked it up with an exclamation.

"That's careless enough," he said. "Some of the servants have been amusing themselves."

I was far from convinced. Not one of the servants would go into that wing at night unless driven by dire necessity. And a billiard cue! As a weapon of either offense or defense it was an absurdity, unless one accepted Liddy's hypothesis of a ghost, and even then, as Halsey pointed out, a billiard-playing ghost would be a very modern evolution of an ancient institution.

That afternoon we, Gertrude, Halsey and I, attended the coroner's inquest in town. Dr. Stewart had been summoned also, it transpiring that in that early Sunday morning, when Gertrude and I had gone to our rooms, he had been called to view the body. We went, the four of us, in the machine, preferring the execrable roads to the matinee train, with half of Casanova staring at us. And on the way we decided to say nothing of Louise and her interview with her stepbrother the night he died. The girl was in trouble enough as it was.

CHAPTER XVII.

A Hint of Scandal.

In giving the gist of what happened at the inquest, I have only one excuse—to recall to the reader the events of the night of Arnold Armstrong's murder. Many things had occurred which were not brought out at the inquest and some things were told there that were new to me. Altogether, it was a gloomy affair, and the six men in the corner, who constituted the coroner's jury, were evidently the merest puppets in the hands of that all-powerful gentleman, the coroner.

Gertrude and I sat well back, with our veils down. There were a number of people I knew: Barbara Fitzhugh, in extravagant mourning—she always went into black on the slightest provocation, because it was becoming—and Mr. Jarvis, the man who had come over from the Greenwood club the night of the murder. Mr. Harton was there, too, looking impatient as the inquest dragged, but alive to every particle of evidence. From a corner Mr. Jamieson was watching the proceedings intently.

Dr. Stewart was called first. His evidence was told briefly, and amounted to this: On the Sunday morning previous, at a quarter before five, he had been called to the telephone. The message was from a Mr. Jarvis, who asked him to come at once to Sun-

nyside, as there had been an accident there, and Mr. Arnold Armstrong had been shot. He dressed hastily, gathered up some instruments, and drove to Sunnyside.

He was met by Mr. Jarvis, who took him at once to the east wing. There, just as he had fallen, was the body of Arnold Armstrong. There was no need of the instruments; the man was dead. In answer to the coroner's question—no, the body had not been moved, save to turn it over. It lay at the foot of the circular staircase. Yes, he believed death had been instantaneous. The body was still somewhat warm and rigor mortis had not set in. It occurred late in cases of sudden death. No, he believed the probability of suicide might be eliminated; the wounds could have been self-inflicted, but with difficulty, and there had been no weapon found.

The doctor's examination was over, but he hesitated and cleared his throat.

"Mr. Coroner," he said, "at the risk of taking up valuable time, I would like to speak of an incident that may or may not throw some light on this matter."

The audience was alert at once.

"Kindly proceed, doctor," the coroner said.

"My home is in Englewood, two miles from Casanova," the doctor began. "In the absence of Dr. Walker, a number of Casanova people have been consulting me. A month ago—five weeks, to be exact—a woman whom I had never seen came to my office. She was in deep mourning and kept her veil down, and she brought for examination a child, a boy of six. The little fellow was ill; it looked like typhoid, and the mother was frantic. She wanted a permit to admit the youngster to the Children's hospital in town here, where I am a member of the staff, and I gave her one. The incident would have escaped me, but for a curious thing. Two days before Mr. Armstrong was shot, I was sent for to go to the Country club; some one had been struck with a golf-ball that had gone wild. It was late when I left—I was on foot, and about a mile from the club, on the Clayburg road. I met two people. They were disputing violently, and I had no difficulty in recognizing Mr. Armstrong. The woman, beyond doubt, was the one who had consulted me about the child."

At this hint of scandal, Mrs. Ogden Fitzhugh sat up very straight. Jamieson was looking slightly skeptical, and the coroner made a note.

"The Children's hospital, you say, doctor?" he asked.

"Yes. But the child, who was entered as Lucien Wallace, was taken away by his mother two weeks ago. I have tried to trace them and failed."

All at once I remembered the telegram sent to Louise by some one signed F. L. W.—presumably Dr. Walker. Could the veiled woman be the Nina Carrington of the message? But it was only idle speculation. I had no way of finding out, and the inquest was proceeding.

The report of the coroner's physician came next. The post-mortem examination showed that the bullet had entered the chest in the fourth left intercostal space and had taken an oblique course downward and backward, piercing both the heart and lungs. The left lung was collapsed, and the exit point of the ball had been found in the muscles of the back to the left of the spinal column. It was improbable that such a wound had been self-inflicted, and its oblique downward course pointed to the fact that the shot had been fired from above. In other words, as the murdered man had been found dead at the foot of a staircase, it was probable that the shot had been fired by



some one higher up on the stairs. There were no marks of powder. The bullet, a 38 caliber, had been found in the dead man's clothing, and was shown to the jury.

Mr. Jarvis was called next, but his testimony amounted to little. He had been summoned by telephone to Sunnyside, had come over at once with the steward and Mr. Winthrop, at present out of town. They had been admitted by the housekeeper, and had found the body lying at the foot of the staircase. He had made a search for a weapon, but there was none around. The outer entry door in the east wing had been unfastened and was open about an inch.

I had been growing more and more nervous. When the coroner called Mr. John Bailey, the room was filled with suppressed excitement. Mr. Jamieson went forward and spoke a few words to the coroner, who nodded. Then Halsey was called.

"Mr. Innes," the coroner said, "will you tell under what circumstances you saw Mr. Arnold Armstrong the night he died?"

"I saw him first at the Country club," Halsey said quietly. He was rather pale, but very composed. "I stopped there with my automobile for gasoline. Mr. Armstrong had been playing cards. When I saw him there he was coming out of the cardroom talking to Mr. John Bailey."

"The nature of the discussion—was it amicable?"

Halsey hesitated.

"They were having a dispute," he said. "I asked Mr. Bailey to leave the club with me and come to Sunnyside over Sunday."

"Isn't it a fact, Mr. Innes, that you took Mr. Bailey away from the club-house because you were afraid there would be blows?"

"The situation was unpleasant," Halsey said evasively.

"At that time had you any suspicion that the Traders' bank had been wrecked?"

"No."

"What occurred next?"

"Mr. Bailey and I talked in the billiard room until 2:30."

"And Mr. Arnold Armstrong came there, while you were talking?"

"Yes. He came about half-past two. He rapped at the east door, and I admitted him."

The silence in the room was intense. Mr. Jamieson's eyes never left Halsey's face.

"Will you tell us the nature of his errand?"

"He brought a telegram that had come to the club for Mr. Bailey."

"He was sober?"

"Perfectly, at that time. Not earlier."

"Was not his apparent friendliness a change from his former attitude?"

"Yes. I did not understand it."

"How long did he stay?"

"About five minutes. Then he left by the east entrance."

"What occurred then?"

"We talked for a few minutes, discussing a plan Mr. Bailey had in mind. Then I went to the stables, where I kept my car, and got it out."

"Leaving Mr. Bailey alone in the billiard room?"

"My sister was there."

Mrs. Ogden Fitzhugh had the courage to turn and eye Gertrude through her lorgnon.

"And then?"

"I took the car along the lower road, not to disturb the household. Mr. Bailey came down across the lawn, through the hedge, and got into the car on the road."

"Then you know nothing of Mr. Armstrong's movements after he left the house?"

"Nothing. I read of his death Monday evening for the first time."

"Mr. Bailey did not see him on his way across the lawn?"

"I think not. If he had seen him he would have spoken of it."

"Thank you. That is all. Miss Gertrude Innes."

Gertrude's replies were fully as concise as Halsey's. Mrs. Fitzhugh subjected her to a close inspection, commencing with her hat and ending with her shoes. I flatter myself she found nothing wrong with either her gown or her manner, but poor Gertrude's testimony was the reverse of comforting. She had been summoned, she said, by her brother, after Mr. Armstrong had gone. She had waited in the billiard room with Mr. Bailey until the automobile had been ready. Then she had locked the door at the foot of the staircase, and, taking a lamp, had accompanied Mr. Bailey to the main entrance of the house, and had watched him cross the lawn. Instead of going at once to her room, she had gone back to the billiard room for something which had been left there. The cardroom and billiard room were in darkness. She had groped around, found the article she was looking for, and was on the point of returning to her room, when she had heard some one fumbling at the lock at the east outer door. She had thought it was probably her brother, and had been about to go to the door, when she heard it open. Almost immediately there was a shot, and she had run panic-stricken through the drawing room and had roused the house.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
LEGISLATURE
WHAT THEY ARE DOING

Austin, Tex.—Recommendations for the enactment of a "spider" law, the amendment of the state election laws and the reorganization of the Seventeenth Judicial District are among the recommendations contained in Governor Campbell's seventh message to the legislature, which was sent in Saturday.

Text of Message.
The message reads: To the Legislature—By virtue of authority vested in me by section 40, article 3 of the constitution of the state of Texas, I hereby designate and present to you for your consideration the following subjects and suggest legislation thereon:

Protecting Railway Employees.
1. Legislation requiring the erection and maintenance of buildings for the protection from rain, wind and inclement weather of employees engaged in repairing railroad cars and other railroad equipment and providing penalties for violations and regulating suits for such penalties and such further legislation upon this subject as may be appropriate and necessary to provide protection to employees engaged in such work.

Spiders.
Legislation requiring persons, firms, corporations and associations of persons engaged in compressing cotton in this state to so bind and tie all bales of cotton as that no bale of cotton by them compressed, recompressed, baled or rebaled shall be delivered to any railway company or other common carrier unless the same is free from "spiders," exposed/end of bands or any exposed or any protruding part of ties, bands, buckles or splices used in tying or banding such bale of cotton, and to provide penalties and methods of enforcement of the laws enacted on this subject.

Building Improvements.
3. Legislation making an appropriation for the repair, improvement and construction of a sewerage system and for general repairs for the North Texas Hospital for the Insane. An appropriation approximating \$5,000 will be necessary for the repairs and improvements here mentioned, and as the present sewerage system is not only endangering the health of the inmates of the institution, but of the people of the city of Terrell, it is respectfully urged that action be taken at once.

An appropriation of \$1,200 for overhauling and repairing the three boilers at the Deaf and Dumb Institute and to put them in safe working condition is also presented for your consideration. This work should begin at once so that the boilers may be made safe prior to the opening of this Texas school for the deaf and dumb in September.

For Clerk Hire.
The general appropriation bill carried an item of \$1,200 for clerk hire for the state tax commissioner, which item was vetoed, as it was believed that the commissioner would only need the services of a clerk during the months of May and June, and that provision could be made therefore by a deficiency appropriation. The commissioner employed a clerk for the months mentioned at \$100 a month, and as there is some doubt about the authority of the governor to allow the deficiency in the absence of an appropriation naming the item to which such deficiency could be attached, it is here suggested to the legislature that an appropriation of \$200 be made to pay for the services of the clerk employed for the months of May and June, as above stated.

Amending Election Laws.
4. Legislation amending the election laws of the state of Texas as may be deemed necessary by the legislature and as may be necessary to conform to the amendment of section 120 heretofore submitted by message to your honorable bodies.

Seventieth Judicial District.
5. Legislation reorganizing the Seventieth Judicial District of Texas and to fix the time of holding court in each of the counties of the said Seventieth Judicial District and declaring an emergency. The act creating the Seventieth Judicial District is chapter 8, general laws of the thirty-first legislature, page 10, which act was approved Feb. 3, 1909, and became a law on the same day. The said district was at the time of the creating composed of the counties of Midland, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Reeves and Ward, and the unorganized counties of Andrews, Winkler, Crane, Loving and Upton. Since the creation of the district the counties of Andrews, Winkler and Upton have been organized and the counties of Crane and Loving remain unorganized. The three counties organized now have no established and fixed terms or sessions for the district court in said counties, and it is of great public importance that terms of court for said counties should be provided by law at once.

Very respectfully,
T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor of Texas.

Senate Proceedings.
Austin, Tex.—When the senate convened Saturday Senator Cofer had read a letter from Charles Crotty of Galveston, secretary of the Texas Christian Endeavor Union, approving the Cofer and other liquor regulation bills before the senate.

The senate concurred in the house amendments to the senate bill authorizing the construction of dormitories and other improvements at the A. and M. College.
Senator Hudspeth's motion prevailed that his bill repealing the present fire rating board law be set as a special order for next Thursday.
By unanimous vote the house Saturday adopted a resolution by Mr. Bell inviting Hon. O. B. Colquitt, democratic primary nominee for governor, to address the house of a convention date.

There was a lively fight at the afternoon session over a resolution of Mr. Terrell of Bexar authorizing the speaker to give additional pay to four court stenographers, regularly employed by the house for this session, who have made a 550-page typewritten report of the proceedings of the house insurance committee. The resolution finally was adopted by a vote of 72 to 24.

Bills Introduced.
Austin, Tex.—Mr. Moller of Galveston introduced in the house Saturday a "spider" bill, which makes it unlawful for compresses to compress cotton in such a manner that ends of bands, splices or buckles protrude and make dangerous the handling of the bales. The penalty is \$1,000 for each violation.
Other bills introduced in the house were:

By Crockett of Mitchell: Organizing the Seventieth Judicial District, and fixing time for holding court.
By Gilmore and others: Appropriating \$5,000 for a sewer and \$2,500 for general repairs to the North Texas hospital for the insane.
By Ballengee: Authorizing the secretary of state to require affidavits from incorporators before filing charter applications.
By Robertson of Travis and Schluter: Providing for overhauling machinery at deaf and dumb asylum.
By Stephenson and others: Broadening the scope of the car-shed law enacted by the thirtieth legislature and extending time in which certain railroads shall comply.

The Ten-Mile Measure.
When the house reconvened Saturday its action on Friday in passing to engrossment by a viva voce vote the ten-mile bill was brought up by Mr. Buchanan, who filed a long written motion to reconsider. He declared the action illegal because the constitution provides that no bill shall have the force of law until it has been read on three several days in each house and free discussion allowed thereon. He added that it required four-fifths of the house to suspend this provision and observed that the bill itself was unconstitutional and the vote by which it was passed was illegal and unconstitutional.

Passed A. and M. Bill.
The house Thursday passed finally the bill by Senators Harper, Brachfield and others providing for the transfer of the feed inspection funds of the agricultural and mechanical college to the general fund of that institution, so that needed improvements may be made. House committee amendments, which provide it will not be necessary for the college board to consult the governor in making improvements and exacting an annual sworn report from the board, were adopted. A \$140,000 dormitory and a mess hall and heating plant costing approximately \$40,000 are contemplated at the college as a result of this allowance by the legislature.

Sanders Addressed Legislature.
Austin, Tex.—Jared Y. Sanders, governor of Louisiana and United States senator-elect, Thursday, in his address before the Texas legislature, asked the legislature by resolution to bring its influence to bear upon the federal authorities to have the Panama exhibition brought to New Orleans in 1915 in preference to San Francisco. His remarks were very favorably received. He declared that "by fate, geographic and circumstance New Orleans is entitled to the exposition."

New Insurance Bill.
The insurance hearing by the house committee having been concluded on Saturday, a subcommittee is drafting a bill which will embody features of the measures by Messrs. Cureton and Terrell of Bexar. The new bill provides that the general basis schedules and rules for finding the rate on specific risks shall make the general basis schedule. The property owner will be notified in time to make necessary changes in his premises before the rate becomes effective.

House Advanced Ten-Mile Prohibition Bill.

After one of the most spirited debates of the present session of the house Friday action to defer action on the express shipment liquor regulation bill until Monday and passed to engrossment the "ten mile" bill, which means prohibition for the cities of Galveston, Austin and Bryan. The indications are that the last named measure will be finally passed. During the proceedings charges of "gag rule" and "steam roller tactics" were freely made by the anti-prohibitionists and at times discussion became rather acrimonious.

The foregoing briefly summarizes the actual work of the legislature on this subject Friday, for the senate was not in session, but it by no means gives an idea of all the developments in the fight for prohibition. The situation is that the prohibitionists in the house are very eager to secure the passage of all restrictive legislation pending, while those in the senate are equally as anxious to delay action thereon.

Declaration of War.
The declaration of war on the liquor question fight came up in the house Thursday. There was a challenge from the anti-prohibitionist side and a quick acceptance by the pros. The mask was pulled off the issue and defiance was hurled by both sides, as the result of a request from Mr. Canales, chairman of the committee on liquor traffic, to have the names of four prohibition members added to the committee. Antis were stirred by the request and a hot charge. In the nature of a question, was fired by Mr. McGowan, when he wanted to know if Mr. Canales was "trying to stack the cards."

Austin, Tex.—To the accompaniment of applause from many of those who heard it, Governor Campbell's sixth message, in which, among other things, he suggested the subject of more restricted liquor legislation, "and such other legislation relative to the liquor traffic as the welfare of the state demands," was read to the special session of the Texas legislature Wednesday.

The Governor's Message.
"By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 40, article 3, of the constitution of the state of Texas, I hereby designate and present to you for your consideration thereof subjects and suggest legislation thereon:
"1. Legislation amending chapter 16 of the acts of the regular session of the thirty-first legislature of the state of Texas, approved Feb. 25, 1909, entitled 'An act authorizing a county in the state of Texas having a population in excess of 50,000 inhabitants by the last preceding United States census to submit to the qualified voters the property of a corporation for the construction and maintenance of causeways, viaducts, bridges and approaches across any rivers within the limits of such county, and to provide for the construction, maintenance and use of such causeways, viaducts, bridges and approaches, and declaring an emergency, by adding thereto sections 9A and 9B, providing a method by which counties may acquire land upon which to construct and maintain such causeways, viaducts, bridges and approaches by condemnation and by grant from cities and counties of the right to use streets, alleys, public highways and public grounds, and to authorize counties to construct said causeways, viaducts, bridges and approaches across the lines of railway, telegraph and telephone corporations, and prescribing the method of such proceedings.

Nominations.
"2. Legislation amending sec. 120 of the election law relating to the nomination of candidates by political parties, so as to provide for the nomination of candidates for districts and state officers by a majority of all the votes cast for such offices, and prescribing the duty of the state and district conventions in such cases, and the method of nominations in the event of the failure of any candidate to receive a majority of all the votes cast for such office, and to provide rules and regulations by which county candidates may be nominated.

Liquor Legislation.
"3. Legislation to amend and strengthen the statutes regulating the granting of liquor licenses and the revocation and cancellation thereof, and the regulation of the liquor traffic, and to prohibit the same within ten miles of any state educational institution supported in whole or in part by appropriations from the state's general revenue, and such other legislation relative to the liquor traffic as the welfare of the state demands, and providing appropriate penalties for violations of such laws."
Very respectfully,
"T. M. CAMPBELL,
"Governor of Texas."

Von Rosenberg Nomination Confirmed.
In executive session Wednesday the senate confirmed the nomination of Frederick C. Von Rosenberg of Travis County to be commissioner of Insurance and banking, to succeed W. M. E. Hawkins. Mr. Von Rosenberg will file his bond and assume the duties of the office.

Representative Moller introduced in the house Wednesday a bill to authorize an increase in the rate of interest on the causeway bonds from 4 to 6 per cent. In explanation thereof, he said the legislation was necessary in order to insure the sale of the securities.

FIFTY THOUSAND KNIGHTS PARADE

Brilliant Climax of Templars' Conclave in Chicago.

TRIENNIAL A BIG SUCCESS.
Acting Grand Master Melish in Command and Noted Masons From Different Parts of the World Present.

Chicago.—Fifty thousand Knights Templar, garbed in the handsome uniform of the order, wearing its glittering jewels and carrying drawn swords, marched through elaborately decorated streets of Chicago Tuesday, Aug. 9, passing beneath great arches and before a reviewing stand four blocks long, crowded with the leading officials of the order and the wives and families of the sir knights. Forty-two brass bands made music for the marchers, and all along the route they were cheered by the thousands of people who had assembled to witness the spectacle.
This magnificent parade was the climax, in a spectacular way, of the thirty-first triennial conclave of Knights Templar, which opened here on Sunday, Aug. 7. In accordance with the time honored custom of the grand encampment, the doings of the week began with divine service.
The sir knights selected Orchestra hall for this purpose and entirely filled the body of that hall to listen to a

length, and this needed no decorations, for it was filled to its capacity mainly with ladies whose beautiful summer costumes made it like a vast garden. About 50,000 persons were in this immense stand, as at its center was a gorgeous throne on which sat the acting grand master, William Bromwell Melish of Cincinnati, who became head of the order on the recent death of Grand Master Henry W. Rugg of Providence, R. I. Mr. Melish will be regularly elected grand master before the close of the conclave.
Just north of the Art Institute the parade passed before another reviewing stand in which were Mayor Busse, the city council and the park commissioners.

Beautiful "Templar Way."
At Washington street the marchers turned west to State, where they entered on the "Templar Way." This stretch extended from Randolph to Van Buren street and was made beautiful by a handsome arch and massive Corinthian columns of pure white erected thirty-three feet apart on both sides of the street. Festoons of natural laurel connected the columns, and the bright red cross and the shield and coat of arms of the order were prominent in the scheme of decoration.
Moving south to Jackson boulevard, the knights again turned west, and near the federal building passed before yet another reviewing stand which accommodated Governor Deneen and his staff. Marching north on LaSalle street, the parade passed beneath the grand commandery arch of pure white which spanned the street at the LaSalle hotel, the headquarters of the grand commandery of Illinois. This was a beautiful structure designed by one of Chicago's most famous sculptors. Upon its top stood the figures of mounted knights fourteen feet high. At the new city hall on Washington street the parade was

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

Fire broke out in Lone Oak in W. J. Schenck & Co.'s lumber yard. The lumber yard and their warehouse containing wagons and implements to the value of about \$20,000 were consumed.

L. B. Jones, secretary of the Board of Trade, of Stephenville, will meet with the Farmers' Union on the 30th to confer with them to ascertain whether they can furnish 500 milk cows to supply milk for a creamery at this place.

The work on the \$25,000 school building at Paducah is progressing very fast and it is expected to be completed by the 15th of October. This will give plenty of time to begin using it for the winter session.

The third big rain in three successive days general over the Panhandle, fell Tuesday. Big crops are assured, as at least four inches of rain fell. Grass is fine. Stock water plentiful.

The Governor's office was advised by telegraph Sunday morning that four peace officers had been ambushed at San Benito while on their way to arrest Mexicans accused of the killing of an engineer. One officer died.

W. W. Bogel, of Marfa has sold 16,000 acres of land, including the Salt Estban ranch, to Kansas people for \$135,000.

C. L. Holden of Claremont, Tex., and Harry A. Hartshorne of Oklahoma, established a new world's record in the freak class in Colorado Springs when they bogged down from the summit of Pike's Peak to the town of Manitou, ten miles below.

With indications of one of the hardest fought prohibition campaigns in the history of Northwest Texas the Commissioners' Court by unanimous vote authorized an order calling a local option election to be held in Potter County Saturday, Aug. 27.

To the Members of the Southwest Country Life Association: At the request of the representatives of the Southwest Country Life Association and at the suggestion of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce in Dallas, it has been thought best by the committee on arrangement to postpone the meeting of the Southwest Country Life Association originally announced for August 9 and 10 until next fall and hold it in conjunction with the Dallas fair.

R. L. White of Hempstead gave the Texas Cotton Growers' Association in session at College Station, the benefit of his experiences during the past seven years with cotton on his bottom farm, during which he raised as high as four bales per acre per season. Briefly described, his method consists of deep plowing before July 4 and no plowing after that date, and fertilizing. Mr. White declared the time is coming when no cotton will be raised in Texas without fertilization, and those present seemed to agree with him.

The total estimated taxable values of Texas for 1910 are \$2,369,695,551, an increase of \$59,791,923 over last year's valuations. Chief tax Clerk Terrell of the Controller's department expects the actual totals of the tax rolls to be greater than the total estimated taxable values. In fixing the State tax rate the automatic tax board figures that the taxable values this year would amount to \$2,350,000,000 and the board's estimate was exceeded \$19,695,551. The board planned to raise by the 4 per cent rate \$940,000, but under the total estimated valuation amount \$7,878 in excess of \$940,000 will be raised. Last year the taxable values were \$2,309,803,626 and this year they will be approximately \$60,000,000 in excess of this amount, according to information on hand in the Controller's department.

The residence of Ed Vanderburg at Chicotah, Tex., was destroyed by fire and his wife was fatally burned. She had started to make a fire to cook dinner and thinking it had gone out poured oil from a five-gallon can in the stove.

The new brick high school building in South Mexia is nearing completion and will be ready for the opening of the session in September.

Fifteen thousand cross ties have been ordered for the new street railway line in Cleburne, and it is announced the work of construction will begin next week.
A brick manufacturing establishment of Texarkana has received from Port Arthur, Texas, an order for 1,000,000 bricks. The material is to be used in the construction of a new pier at that place.

From the bond sales for new improvements the City Council of Paris, Texas, appropriated \$71,000 for streets and sidewalks, \$20,000 for waterworks extension and \$5,000 for public buildings. The annual tax levy was made, the rate being a slight increase over last year. The school levy is increased 1.55c, interest and sinking fund 3.91c, current expenses 4.74c.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company of Texas has paid its gross receipts tax on its business for the last quarter. The business amounted to \$941,936 and the tax was \$14,129.

First session of Farmers' Union encampment convened in Rusk Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The encampment will continue three days.

The most noticeable feature in Tuesday's market was the general advance in fresh vegetables and fruits. The demand is strong and a further advance is anticipated by dealers.



WILLIAM B. MELISH, ACTING GRAND MASTER.

sermon on "Templarism" delivered by Rev. Dr. George H. MacAdam of Madison, Wis., in the absence of Sir Knight George C. Rafter of Cheyenne, Wyo., very eminent grand prelate of the grand encampment. The music was in charge of the grand organist of the grand commandery of Illinois, the choir consisting of several male quartets belonging to the order in this state.

Entrancing Scenes at Night.
The scene in the streets at night was especially beautiful, for all the arches, festoons and columns of the decorative scheme were brilliantly illuminated, and on State street, in addition to the "Templar Way," the merchants had put up decorations that transformed the great shopping district into a veritable fairy land.
Undoubtedly the most spectacular feature of the night display was the wonderful electric set piece erected in Grant park on the lake front, reproducing in colossal size the official emblem or badge of the conclave. It was 150 feet high and its 5,000 powerful electric lights of varied colors brilliantly illuminated all that part of the city.
To provide added amusement for the visitors, a big aeroplane meeting was started on Monday under the auspices of the Aero Club of Illinois, and the Illinois Athletic club's Marathon swimming race in the Chicago river was set for Aug. 13, the closing day of the conclave.

Much of the success of the conclave must be attributed to the efforts of John D. Cleveland, grand commander of Illinois and president of the triennial executive committee. Arthur MacArthur of Troy, N. Y., is the very eminent grand generalissimo of the grand encampment and W. Frank Pierce of San Francisco the grand captain general.
Among the most noted of the visiting masons from other lands are: The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, pro grand master of the great priory of England and Wales; the Lord Athlumney, past great constable; Thomas Fraser, great marshal; R. Newton Crane, past great herald; F. C. Van Duzer, past great standard bearer; H. J. Homer, acting grand master banner bearer; John Ferguson, past preceptor of England and Wales, and the Right Hon. Luther B. Archibald, most eminent grand master of the great priory of Canada, and official staff.

Parade of The Knights.
The "grand parade" of Tuesday was the largest parade of Knights Templar ever held. The preparations were elaborate and Michigan boulevard was most elaborately decorated. The sir knights formed in line of march on the boulevard south of Thirty-first street, and signal to move was given by the guns of Battery B. I. N. G., the detachment for the purpose being composed of Knights Templar all of whom are members of the battery. The same detachment fired the salute to the grand master.
Marching northward in Michigan boulevard, the parade passed, near Hubbard court, beneath an entrance arch built in the form of an ancient battlement with its towers and turrets. This was intended to represent the entrance to the city, and as the column passed under it, buglers stationed on its heights heralded the approach of each grand division.
Next the knights came abreast of the first grand stand, one-half mile in

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For County and District Clerk.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce H. E. Veltmann as a candidate to the office of County and District Clerk of Kinney County at the ensuing November election.

John Dooley authorizes the News-Mail to announce him as a candidate for county and District Clerk at the ensuing November election.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce Tom Perry as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Kinney County at the next November election.

J. P. Ray authorizes this paper to announce him as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Kinney County at the ensuing November election.

For County Judge.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce W. F. Holmes as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Kinney County at the next November election.

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Commissioner Precinct No. 1.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce N. Castro as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner of Precinct No. 1 of Kinney Co at the ensuing November election.

Joe Veltmann authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner of Precinct No. 1 of Kinney County at the next November election.

For Commissioner No. 3.

W. O. Vincent authorizes this paper to announce him as a candidate for county commissioner of Precinct No. 3 at the ensuing November election.

Angoras for Sale.

About 300 head fine goats (no nannies) practically all the original stock registered and only the best buck used. Write or call for full particulars, Edward Miller Montell, Texas.

W. O. VINCENT DEALER IN REAL ESTATE FARMS AND GRAZING LAND

For sale in Kinney County, Texas, in tracts from 90 acres to 5000. Also town property for sale at bargain
Address me at Brackettville Texas, or call on me at my ranch 12 Miles south west of Spofford.

Local News

Fresh fruit at the City Bakery in the Patrick Building.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Knykendall returned to Llano Tuesday.

Deputy Sheriff Henry Salmon of Spofford was in our city Tuesday.

Chas Gaebler, of near Spofford was in town on business Tuesday morning.

E. M. Bell and J. F. McCormick, of Spofford, were county seat visitors Tuesday.

O. J. Woodhull, and Henry Rothe of Spofford, were in Brackett Saturday on business.

Miss Maud McAlpin of Eagle Pass is visiting relatives and friends in Brackett this week.

Mr. and Mrs J. H. Townsend and children of Del Rio, are visiting relatives on the Pinto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Clamp of the Nueces, were visiting relatives in town the first of the week.

A dance will be given at Fehlis on the night of 27th of August. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clamp returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives in Austin and Georgetown.

Mrs. T. J. Martin and daughter Harrit, of the Martin ranch, were visiting friends in Brackett Tuesday.

R. C. Ballantyne left yesterday for Hermanos Mexico where he will spend several days at the Hot Springs.

R. Tatch sole agent for the Fehlis town site lots on the G. H. & S. A. Ry 10 miles west of Spofford Junction.

J. N. Spear returned Tuesday from an extended visit with relatives in California and Oklahoma.

Don J. L. Lester, of the Mexico where he will be conducted services at church Wednesday night.

Mrs. Jimmie Harwood left Friday for her old home in New Mexico, where she will visit her relatives for some time.—Del Rio News.

Mrs. R. D. Winn and children of Brackett visited in town this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Winn.—Rock Springs Rustler.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Foster arrived from San Antonio on the High Ball, Saturday, and are now at home to their friends.—Del Rio News.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Stadler and daughter Miss Nellie, who have been camping at Silver Lake the past month, returned to town Monday.

It is reported that Tom Martin of Kinney county, will enter the race for the legislature on the independent ticket.—Del Rio Herald.

Jones Pennington, a prominent druggist, of Del Rio, was in our city Monday evening on business. Mr. Pennington owns a large tract of land in our County on Mud Creek.

About 500 soldiers from Ft. Bliss and Clark camped here Sunday and Monday, and early Tuesday morning hiked out towards Leon Springs.—Castroville Quill.

M. P. Niccol, one of the contractors for the new Court House, was in our city Tuesday and Wednesday on business connected with the new building.

Confectionery at the city Bakery in the Patrick Building.

Fred West spent the first of the week in town.

Dr. M. C. Byrne was in Spofford on business Tuesday.

T. B. Overstreet was in from the Pinto Wednesday afternoon.

J. T. Green, of Spofford, was greeting friends in town Wednesday

J. E. Williamson, of Edwards County was in our city Tuesday on business.

L. Company who was left back to garrison the post was paid off Sunday.

Wm Haines, the goat man of Edwards county, was in town on business Monday.

Quite a number of Brackett citizens attended the barbecue at Live Oak Wednesday.

A. C. Shely and Robt Barnett, of Nueces, were in town Monday and Tuesday on business.

A. M. Slator who has been in the Territory looking after his cattle returned home Wednesday.

Ralph Smith, the overseer for the new court house went to Spofford Wednesday on business.

The contractors commenced work on the foundation of the new Court House yesterday morning.

Mrs. Henze and children, of Kickapoo, are visiting relatives and friends in Brackett this week.

Allen Black, of the Black ranch below Spofford, was in our city Tuesday evening in his automobile.

H. L. Whipkey will leave next week for Washington D. C. where he will enter the old Soldiers Home.

The material for the New Court House is arriving daily and work will be in full progress in a few days.

Nolan left Monday for the Mexico where he will be conducted services at church Wednesday night.

Gerry Wilson, one of Uvalde's base ball players, passed through Brackett Wednesday morning in an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs John Kearney left Tuesday for Columbus Ohio where they will make an extended visit with relatives.

Miss Nell Price returned to her home in San Antonio Tuesday after a pleasant visit with her friend Miss Mary Veltmann.

Geo Schwandner, of Nueces was in our city Wednesday. Geo is looking well and has almost completely recovered from his recent illness.

A. C. Crawford and family and Miss Edna Archer returned Thursday from a several weeks' camping trip in Kinney County.—Uvalde Leader-News.

A typographical error in the Epiphany Church notice Saturday night made Whit Sunday read Whist Sunday, and the Blade wishes to correct the mistake.—Concordia (Kan.) Blade.

The regular August term of commissioner court convened in Brackett Monday morning and was in session up to noon yesterday. We will publish the proceedings and the Treasures quarterly report in our next issue.

Mrs. O. L. Kooch and children, of Austin, arrived in our city Sunday evening and left Monday morning for the Barksdale ranch in Edwards County where they will visit relatives for several months.

A barge loaded with cotton which was sunk in Galveston bay during the Civil War was recently discovered imbedded in the mud by workmen who were laying the foundation of piers on the concrete causeway.

The following young people enjoyed a pleasant day at the Kickapoo cave Monday; Mrs. J. Guy Lowe, Misses Sadie Dooley, Nell Price and Mary Veltmann. Tillman Hunt, Moss Slator, Geo Robertson and Dr. M. C. Byrne

Card Party.

A progressive high five party given by Miss Mary Veltmann last Saturday evening in honor of her guest Miss Nell Price of San Antonio was a source of great pleasure to all those who attended.

Seven games were played, Moss Slator winning them all so to him was awarded a very pretty fan and fancy attachment while Hope Anderson won a prize which might give her an opportunity to play better next time.

At eleven o'clock delicious strawberry ice cream and cake was served after which a short while was spent in singing a few songs.

Those who enjoyed Miss Veltmann's hospitality were: Mrs. H. E. Veltmann, Misses Price, Hope Anderson, Blanche Seargeant, Sadie Dooley, Messrs M. C. Byrne, Coleman and Moss Slator, Nolan and Kuykendall.

Unanimously we hoped for another such enjoyable event with our same hostess and honoree.

A Big Land Deal.

A land deal of considerable proportions was consummated this week when O. J. Woodhull sold his ranch in the Southern part of this county to Messrs Henry Rothe and Louis Rothe of Medina County.

Mr. Woodhull, we are pleased to state, will still stay in Kinney County and is now busily engaged in making a fine ranch of the old Newell place.

The Messrs Rothe will engage in the stock business and we welcome them to Kinney County as Mr. Woodhull told the reporter they are straight, honest German citizens and are glad they are interested in old Kinney.

Gasoline Engines.

I represent the Erometer Pumping Engines made in various sizes, low in price, high in quality. I also sell the best Gasoline Engines made for all purposes.

These engines are backed by a strict guarantee. If interested write or call on R. P. Asher, Laguna, Texas.

Stranger (mysteriously) — "I'd like to get into a gambling game of some sort. Where can I go?"

Tired-Looking Man (whispering) — "Over to the office of that Justice of the Peace. He'll marry you."—St. Louis Star.

D. D. Saul, deputy sheriff of Pecos county passed through here Tuesday enroute home, having in custody a man by the name of J. F. Gelvis, who was recently indicted in that county. Gelvis is remembered by Alpine people as he got into some trouble here last fall.—Alpine Avalanche.

We heard on the street the other day of a man who claimed he was too poor to take his home paper, but all the same he read a notice in some other paper telling now to prevent a horse from slobbering, and sent \$1.50 for the receipt. When the \$1.50 worth of information came it said: "Teach your horse how to spit."—Exchange.

The average farmer is probably not aware of the fact that an average mule sells for \$20 a head more than horses. Such is the case, and the price has been gradually rising for a number of years. There has never been what would be called an overproduction of mules, while the market has often been unable to fully supply the demand.

The El Paso Times takes the sensible, logical, rational view of the result of the late Democratic primaries heretofore advanced by The Republic. It was as much or more a condemnation of Campbell and his policies than an endorsement of Colquitt. As the Times puts it, "the magnificent plurality received by Colquitt was more than anything else a rebuff and a repudiation of Campbellism; evidence that the people have asserted themselves and will have an entirely different order of things."

—Texas Republic.

JOHN J. FOSTER

Lawyer
Stock Shipment Claims a Specialty
Del Rio, Texas

Notice.

Our pasture known as A-1, from Mariposa ranch to Del Rio road is posted and all parties are forbidden to hunt, fish haul wood or other wise trespass on the same; if so they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
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We make more fine shoes than any other house in the West.

We lead as makers of fine shoes because our styles are right for Western trade. We make "Diamond Brand" shoes for your special requirements in style, in fit and in wear. Try them and see how good they are.

If you can't get them in your town, write us.

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Spofford Locals

E. M. Bell spent Tuesday with friends in Brackettville.

J. T. Green spent Wednesday with friends in Brackettville.

Dr. M. C. Byrne of Brackettville was greeting friends here Tuesday.

Jim Musgraves and Lam Williams were greeting friends here Saturday.

Judge Joe Jones of Del Rio was here attending to business matters Wednesday.

Romus Salmon spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Brackettville.

J. F. McCormick of San Antonio spent Tuesday and Wednesday with friends here.

T. J. Martin sold and delivered to Tom Jones at his ranch Tuesday 900 head of Steers.

O. W. Zuehl spent Monday night with friends in Del Rio returning home Tuesday morning.

Miss Mina Clark returned home Tuesday from Denton where she attended the summer normal.

Green Davidson of San Antonio is spending the week on the Fleming and Davidson ranch south of here.

J. N. Spear returned home Tuesday from an extended visit with relatives in California and other states.

Dr. I. P. Sessions and family and their guests Dr. Barclay and his sister of Dallas spent Tuesday and Wednesday with friends in Del Rio making the trip overland in Dr. Sessions Auto.

Mrs. James Elledge returned home Monday night from San Antonio where she visited friends and relatives.

Mrs. Gus Black accompanied by her daughter Miss Ruth left for San Antonio Tuesday where they will visit friends.

Allen Black spent Tuesday and Wednesday with friends here returning to the Black ranch Wednesday evening.

Dr. Barclay and his sister of Dallas are the guest of Dr. I. P. Sessions and family on the ranch south of town this week.

Mrs. B. S. West and little daughter Clay returned home Tuesday night from San Antonio where they visited relatives.

Wray and Frederick Zuehl Willie Ryan and Geo Hobbs, Jr. and Misses Bessie Kathleen and Gertrude Zuehl attended the dance in Brackettville Friday night.

Dr. M. C. Byrne accompanied by Misses Sade Dooley and Mary Veltmann and Allen Black were here from Brackettville on a joy ride Tuesday night.

A HIGH FLYER.
Edyth—Was Tom on his knees when he proposed to you?
Mayme—No; he seemed to be up in the air.

W. F. HOLMES' DRUG STORE

Candy, Cigars, Post Cards Albums, Stationery, Pipes

Spectacles, Shoe Polishes, Combs, Brushes, Soaps, Perfumes,

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Stock Food and Remedies, Poultry Food and Remedies,

Drugs, Chemicals and Patent Medicines.

CONTEST OF ELECTION FILED.

A petition in district court was filed yesterday which was the initial step in the contest of the election for the democratic nomination for sheriff. The allegations are fraud and illegality.

The petitioner, G. H. Johnson, contests the legality of nearly forty votes, alleging non-citizenship, non-payment of poll taxes, etc. He also contests the correctness of the count, and especially excepts to the count of the Sabinal and Uvalde boxes, alleging that some twenty-five or thirty votes for him in those several boxes were wrongfully omitted from the count.

The case will be tried in the district court, which has authority to open the ballot boxes and recount the votes, and to subtract such votes as it may find illegal or fraudulent from the total vote of the candidate for whom they were cast, and after passing on the evidence to decide to which of the contesting candidates the nomination belongs.

Because of the closeness of this race, the prominence and popularity of the two contestants, the interest in this contest promises to be intense and the result will be awaited by many with a great deal of anxiety.—Uvalde Leader-News.

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How Texas Can Win.

Texas has the resources, products, location, climate and the men to carry out any advisable program of action. The only other equivalent or needed known quantity necessary to make Texas the greatest state in the world (as well as in the Union) is the right kind of publicity and lots of it, says the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association.

True, Texas is already known as the best advertised state in the world—that is, as to general information—but there must be more specific advertising of what it has and what it wants. The fact that a business concern has built up a good reputation and an established trade of large dimensions does not warrant it in ceasing any further effort at publicity. If it desires to hold its own in this age when many competitors would snatch away its well-earned laurels, its publicity must continue.

What is true of a business firm is likewise true of the State of Texas, that, having the right resources and men, the other equip-

ment necessary is the right publicity, and the right publicity in the case of Texas is state wide, co-operative advertising, which can be made to cover either general state or direct local needs, securing rates and service at agency or more than agency discounts and with ten-fold power and prestige. For instance, a dollar ad in some of the large northern papers would make but a small, poor showing and would be almost completely hid in the mass of other stuff. But wite one-dollar each from 200 members of a co-operative body, the \$200.00 ad, if rightly written and designed, would make a big showing and attract great attention and business, and at the same time could be had at the greatly reduced rate. This same would apply to all other forms of publicity and suggestions for promotion.

Texas Great State.

Aside from her deplorably chronic habit of rolling up immense Democratic majorities, Texas is a great State. And the fact that the Democratic bent does not work injuriously to the country at large, but rather limits itself to that State, has a tendency to minimize the fault.

Independent of the Democrats she raises the Lone Star State raises some things which bring her much credit and advantage. Particularly is this so with reference to her big crops. The agricultural bureau of that State, which, by the way, is a thoroughly progressive body, estimates that Texas will this year yield a corn crop of 210,000,000 bushels, against 122,500,000 bushels last year, and 201,000,000 bushels in 1908, the latter being an exceptional year.

The State has enormous agricultural resources, has an immense grain yield and is going ahead of Bermuda in the early onion growing business, while raising some of the best and earliest potatoes and other vegetables in the market.

As long as Texas continues to make such a splendid agricultural showing we can overlook her Democracy, for she prospers in spite of it.—Schenectady (N. Y.) Union.

To Dry Figs.

Del Rio raises an abundance of figs, many of which are preserved. Perhaps there are those who would like to dry some and we give the following recipe which is said to be good:

Select figs that are just ripe. Have ready some boiling weaklye or lime water. Fill a perforated ladle with figs and dip in the hot lye or lime water; let them remain for a minute, then drain carefully or dry with a cloth. Proceed in this way with all the figs to be dried. Have ready a well cooked, but rather thin, syrup of white sugar. Into this put figs enough to cover the surface and let them cook gently for 15 minutes. Take out, drain, put in dishes and put more figs in the syrup. When all have been cooked and drained set the dishes out in the sun to dry, covering them with wire gauze or covers made of netting, to protect them from insects. Keep them in the sunshine every day until they are thoroughly dry. Pack in jars, sprinkling sugar lightly between, and keep well covered.—Del Rio Herald.

HE AGREED.



Mr. Brown—Are you, Mr. Brown, in favor of clubs for women?
Mr. Brown—Certainly, my dear; clubs, sandbags, any old thing.

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The Most Neglected Organ of the Body is the Liver. Newsdays every body treats the stomach—but it's the liver that counts. If you suffer from constipation, bad blood, half-sick miserable feeling—it's your LIVER nine times out of ten. And today doctors are recommending and endorsing **SIMMON'S Liver Purifier** because it's the one liver remedy that energizes the liver, brings back its natural function strong and young again.

Tell your druggist you want **SIMMON'S LIVER PURIFIER**—and nothing else; emphasize SIMMON'S (in yellow tin boxes only), and insist upon it. It's the one cure that cures—the liver remedy that does its work without griping or sickening. At All Druggists, Everywhere, 25c, and \$1. **R. B. RICHARDS MEDICINE CO., Sherman, Texas**

Why She Brought It Up. "Do you remember," she asked, "that you said once that unless I promised to be yours the sun would cease to shine?" "I don't remember it now, but I suppose I may have said something of the kind." "And have you forgotten that you assured me that unless I permitted you to claim me as your own the moon would fall from her place in the heavens?" "Oh, well, what if I did say so? Why do you want to bring that up, now?" "I merely wished to assure you that I'm sorry I didn't shut my eyes and let her fall."

The Wrong Sort. An old Irish peasant was one Sunday sitting in front of his cottage puffing away furiously at his pipe. Match after match he lighted, pulling hard at the pipe the while, until he had the ground all round his feet was strewn with struck matches. "Come in to your dinner, Patsy," at length called out his wife. "Faith, and O! will in a minute, Bid-ey," said he. "Molke Mulrooney has been a-telling me that if O! smoked a bit of glass O! could see the spotta on the sun. O! don't know whether Molke's been a-fooling me or whether O!'ve got hold of the wrong kind of glass."—Scraps.

The Nurse's Opinion. A nurse had been called as a witness to prove the correctness of the bill of a physician. "Let us get at the facts in the case," said the lawyer, who was doing a cross-examination stunt. "Didn't the doctor make several visits after the patient was out of danger?" "No, sir," answered the nurse. "I considered the patient in danger as long as the doctor continued his visits."

The Motive Power. "A western editor says nobody was ever hurt while taking a 'joy ride' on the handles of a plow." "That's where he's mistaken. Many a good man has been kicked by a mule."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

On a Stygian Ferryboat. Charon was ferrying a passenger across the Styx. "Fine scenery for my toothpowder ad," cried the shade. "Thus we see the ruling passion survives."

No Trouble— A Saucer, A little Cream, and **Post Toasties** right from the box.

Breakfast in a minute, and you have a meal as delightful as it is wholesome. Post Toasties are crisp and flavoury—golden-brown, fluffy bits that almost melt in the mouth.

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The Lure of the National Capital BY **EDWARD B. CLARK** COPYRIGHT BY W. A. PATTERSON

THEY cannot keep away, for the Washington lure is strong upon them. The attraction of the capital draws former senators and former representatives here just as surely as the call of duty summons the present officeholders. They drift down in November and scores of them stay until the adjournment, and other scores stay all through the summer. Some men who before they were sent to congress rarely left the environments of their home villages have found after a term or two in the capital city, that the district had few attractions to offer them, provided there was money enough in their bank accounts to keep them in comfort in the city by the Potomac.

There are former senators and representatives whose influence has been sufficient to secure them government positions in the capital which will not only allow them to remain here, but which will pay them for their stay. The lot of these men seems to be particularly fortunate, and they are the objects of more or less envy on the part of those who would like to stay here, but who owing to pecuniary rea-

son state most of the time now that he has retired from congress, but the Washington lure draws him here occasionally, and he is seen always in his old haunts. General Grosvenor was such a fixture that it seems impossible to realize when he comes back and appears in the old places that he has been away at all. No one misses Charles Grosvenor more than Champ Clark, the Democratic leader. Grosvenor is a standpatter of such strength that Mr. Cannon it was said, used to sit abashed in his presence.



SEN. ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE, **SEN. TOM GORE**, and **REP. JOHN DAZELL**.

sions and to inability to get office are compelled to return home. There are plenty of evidences that former representatives who have chosen, after having once been defeated in the home district, to stay away from the native heath, are not altogether free from the criticisms of the home people, and perhaps there is no reason why they should be. When a man who has spent his entire life among certain people is weaned away from them by a short residence elsewhere, it seems that resentment springs, and few denials probably will come to the statement that a good many of the former officials who stay in Washington in preference to going home are not without frequent intimations that the people back in the district regard them in some degree as deserters.

Of course there are exceptions to every rule and in the case of senators and representatives of long service, who are poor and perhaps too old to renew the practice of the law, or to take up again their mercantile business where they dropped it to serve their constituents, there is excuse for the acceptance of office in Washington in order that the way of old age may be smoothed. Then again there are the cases of men who have been in Washington so long, representing their states, or their districts, that Washington has become their real home, and here they stay after a change of party administration has removed them from representative office.

Of the men who stayed in Washington because the place was like home, there should be mentioned former Senator Stewart, "Silver" Stewart of Nevada, who died recently. He was a noted figure on the Washington streets all through his congressional career, and through the few years of his retirement prior to his death. Stewart's hair and beard were as white as the snow on the top of the Nevada mountains, but until within a few hours of his death he was apparently as strong as any tree that grows below the mountain timber line.

Frequently the former senators and representatives who live in Washington appear upon the floor of congress. They have the right there to appear because of their former services. There is one marked and shining exception, however, to this rule of occasional return to the chamber where the legislative service was rendered. When Senator Spooner of Wisconsin left congress in 1881, to be gone six years, he declared that he would never appear upon the floor of the senate while he was out of office, nor would he go to the capitol unless his professional business called him to practise before the Supreme Court. Spooner kept his word. He always had objected to the rule which admitted former senators to the floor of the senate. He did not say so, but he thought that in some few cases the lobbying opportunity might be too strong to be resisted by some of the senators who were not above using their personal influence with their former colleagues on behalf of some specific legislation.

In the spring of 1907, John C. Spooner resigned from the United States senate. After the six years of his absence from congress was ended he had been returned again to the upper house, but in the spring three years ago he resigned to enter the practice of law. Since the day that Senator Spooner left for this supposedly the last time, he has not been seen in the senate of the United States, nor has he been seen in the corridors of the capitol. He is in law practise in New York, and occasionally he comes to Washington, but unlike many other former representatives he shuns the actual scene of his legislative activities.

Gen. Charles Grosvenor of Ohio, who was in the house of representatives for years, and who was considered one of its most picturesque characters, a man lively and energetic in debate and appealing personal qualities, stays in the Buck-

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Dazell is as picturesque in his way as Grosvenor is in his way. It always was said of him that he never slept. He is nervous energy in the essence, and more watchful of Republican interests generally on the floor than is the regular Republican leader. Mr. Dazell is always looking out for the interests of his constituents. One drowsy June day when the house was heavy and business was simply droning its way through, Dazell yielding to environment, nodded and then napped. Instantly the wily, wide awake Democrats put through something to which no one saw any objection. It touched Pittsburg.

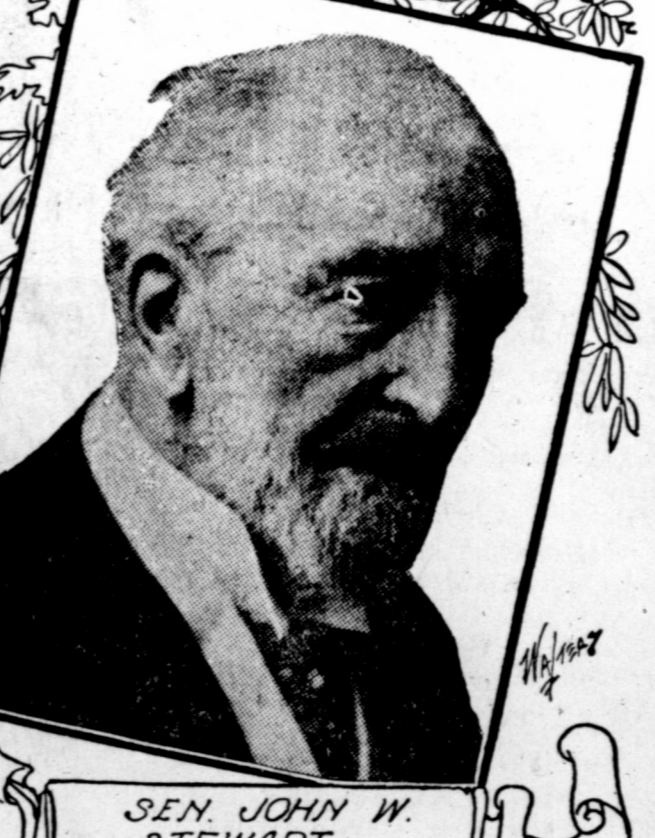
Dazell awoke too late. He had been asleep at the switch. Had his eyes never known night since that hour, he could not have lived down the memory of that one unconscious moment. One day just before the close of the last session, as he was leaving the White House, three voices in unison called to him so that all within a block could hear: "Any sleep this session, John?" Dazell was wakeful to this emergency and his answer carried little comfort to the inquirers, for none of the three was a standpatter: "Not if the tariff is up," he said.

During the closing days of the last session of congress something of a "filibuster" was attempted by the Democrats in the senate in order to make sure that action should be taken on the statehood bill. A filibuster is known to the parties as an attempt to delay legislation. The senate has no set rules like those of the house, and so if one man chooses to talk on any particular subject, he can delay the consideration of any measure that he chooses, and the limit of his endurance is the limit of the delay that he can force although if he has other senators of his own mind they can "spell" him in the speaking, and thus in relays continue the filibuster almost indefinitely.

One of the most noted filibusters of recent years was conducted by three men still in the service, and curiously enough the arrangement for the filibuster was made by members of both parties. The active participants were Senators Stone of Missouri and Gore of Oklahoma, Democrats and Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, Republican. These three senators made up their minds that they did not wish to have a vote taken on the currency bill which had been introduced by Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, a bill which some of the senators said was a mere makeshift and would accomplish no good purposes.

In these days it is hard to find in congress a typical Yankee voice which the Englishmen say is our national characteristic. Gore of Oklahoma, however, has it. Why, it is hard to tell, but he has it in full measure, and no Maine coast man in Yankee voice characteristics can surpass this senator of the western plains state. The filibuster in which Gore, La Follette and Stone took part was contained through a night and a day when Washington was hotter than it ever had been known to be before, at least so the natives say. When Washington heat takes possession of the capitol's interior it lays hold on the premises not to let go until November. It is impossible to keep cool in either house of congress when the heat of this climate strikes in. During the fearful heat and humidity all one night long, Senator La Follette spoke in an endeavor to keep the currency bill from coming to a vote. He held the floor for 18 1/2 hours practically without stopping. Senator La Follette is fortunate in one respect. When he was a boy, and a little later, he had a thorough training in elocution. If his teacher taught him nothing else, he gave him the secret of strengthening his voice. At the end of 18 1/2 hours of strenuous effort, La Follette spoke as clearly as he did at the beginning. Perhaps this is not the exact truth, for as a matter of fact, curiously enough, the Wisconsin senator's voice seemed to be actually in better condition during the closing hour of his address than it was during the opening hour.

The Wisconsin senator naturally has rather a rasping voice which like the voice of Gore of Oklahoma, is open to the Yankee characterization, but twang, accent, idiosyncrasy or whatever you may choose to call it, passes with the first few minutes of utterance. The roughness is smoothed away and the words fall smooth and rounded and with a certain appealing force, even though the subject have nothing of appeal. When a senator has the floor in his own right, he can talk upon any subject under the sun. He does not of necessity have to confine himself to the subject in hand. So it was that La Follette did not speak entirely of the currency question, but about other matters as well. Occasionally in order that he might spare his brain the trouble of thought and so keep it unwearied, he read from a book of fiction. During many of the hours La Follette spoke there were comparatively few senators in the chamber. Hour after hour he spoke, and then taking up his book of fiction, he read with a perfect regard for the rules of enunciation. His auditors were all sleepy and most of them were out of humor because there were only two who were in sympathy with the speaker, and yet perforce every person in the chamber gave heed to what La Follette was reading. For its subject matter perhaps they cared not a whit, and yet by the force of his reading eloquence he drew it home to their attention. When La Follette had ceased speaking, Senator Gore of Oklahoma, who as had been planned, took up the work and kept it at it for some hours. He was relieved by Senator Stone of Missouri, who already was tired with his previous vocal attempt to keep the senate from a vote. The Missourian kept it up for seven hours and then Gore relieved him once more. That filibuster ended because Gore being blind, failed to note, and no one told him, that Senator Stone whom he expected to relieve him, was not present in the chamber when the Oklahoma senator sat down for the third time. The vice-president instantly put the vote and the filibuster had been in vain.



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One drowsy June day when the house was heavy and business was simply droning its way through, Dazell yielding to environment, nodded and then napped. Instantly the wily, wide awake Democrats put through something to which no one saw any objection.

WALKING FOR HEALTH.

Who has not heard that certain exercises are good for us because they "shake up" the liver? But it is not the best thing in the world to shake up the liver violently unless one is a trained athlete, and ordinary men and women are very far from being in that category. Exercise increases largely the liver's production both of bile and of sugar. Hence if it be more violent than that to which one is accustomed, more bile and sugar may be formed than can be taken care of by the system, and the subject may have what is called in popular parlance a "bilious attack." Now this is where walking comes in as a happy medium in exercise. We can often "walk off" a headache or a digestive disturbance when running would only aggravate the trouble. It is a fact, supported by the highest authority, that a moderate exercise, such as walking, is a great aid to digestion. To run would retard digestion. In other words, you will digest your dinner better if you walk immediately after having eaten it, than if you sit still. Try this, and if you are thin you will gain in weight, besides saving more in the cost of living than you will lose in the wear and tear of shoe leather.

But suppose you are already corpulent, will walking after meals, in that case, make you stouter? No. Paradoxical as the statement may sound, walking will in that case make you thinner. Fat is a very unstable compound, and when it is present in excess more of it is destroyed by the increased amount of oxygen in the blood—due to the exercise—than is deposited by the blood, while on the other hand when adipose tissue is deficient the oxygen-bearing blood, which also carries fatty particles, deposits more fat than it can destroy, and thus the thin subject grows heavier.

Walking, then, in the open air is an exercise par excellence for everybody. It shakes up the liver just enough to keep it in good working order, it enriches the blood by increasing its amount of oxygen, thus favoring the destruction and elimination from the system of poisonous waste products, particularly by the lungs, skin and kidneys, and finally by stimulating activity of nutrition in the muscles it tends to prevent the deposition of morbid matters of a tuberculosis or cancerous nature.

SULLIVAN, MICHAEL.

An East Boston doctor told of the experience of a druggist the other day who sold some alcohol to a new customer. After the man had signed the book as required he said: "Now, don't get that name twisted. It is Michael Sullivan, and not Sullivan Michael, same as they turned it around in the directory."—Boston Journal.

NAUGHTY WILLIE.



Willie (aged five)—I guess they think up in heaven that I'm dead. Mamma—Why so? Willie—"Cos I ain't said my prayers."

Life is two-thirds bluff, law is three-fourths tyranny, piety is nine-tenths pretense. Be genuine and poor if you would die respected.

IF YOU OVERLOAD THE STOMACH

you can expect to suffer because the other organs are also affected and the whole system of digestion and assimilation is blocked. You can eat heartily and without fear of distress if you will begin your meals with a dose of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It regulates the Appetite, aids digestion and prevents Gas on Stomach, Heartburn, Belching, Indigestion, Cramps, Diarrhoea and Malaria, Fever and Ague. Try it today.

DEAF HEAR-THE AURIS. Smallest, lowest-priced practical hearing device. Write to-day. **AURIS COMPANY**, JAMAICA, NEW YORK.

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All Dealers **Baker-Wheeler Mfg. Co., Dallas, Tex.**

Textone The Drink of Quality. **The Textone Boy** AT FOUNTAINS AND IN BOTTLES. **TEXTONE COMPANY**, DALLAS, TEXAS.

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Take a cup of GRAND MA'S TEA every night before retiring. Pleasant to take and marvelous results in two weeks.

Package 25 cents.

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DIDN'T LIKE DARK COLORS.



Johns—I heard you tell that man to never darken your door again. Trying to marry your daughter?

Thomas—No; he's a painter and he wanted my front door ebony instead of oak.

It Was the Other Way. "Mr. Jones," said the senior partner in the wholesale dry goods house to the drummer who stood before him in the private office, "you have been with us for the past ten years."

Seeking Comfort. "I've got a long way to go and I'm not used to travel," said the applicant at the railway ticket office. "I want to be just as comfortable as I can, regardless of expense."

An Unnecessary System. "You ought to have a burglar alarm system in your house," said the electrical supply agent, "so that you will be awakened if a burglar raises one of the windows or opens a door at night."

Pretty Bad. Mrs. Hoyle—Does your husband use bad language at home? Mrs. Doyle—He talks to me as if I were a fountain pen.

A COOL PROPOSITION And a Sure One.

The Body Does Not Feel Heat Unpleasantly if it has Proper Food—

Grape-Nuts

People can live in a temperature which feels from ten to twenty degrees cooler than their neighbors enjoy, by regulating the diet.

The plan is to avoid meat entirely for breakfast; use a goodly allowance of fruit, either fresh or cooked. Then follow with a saucer containing about four heaping teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts, treated with a little rich cream. Add to this about two slices of crisp toast with a meager amount of butter, and one cup of well-made Postum.

By this selection of food the bodily energy is preserved, while the hot, carbonaceous foods have been left out. The result is a very marked difference in the temperature of the body, and to this comfortable condition is added the certainty of ease and perfect digestion, for the food being partially pre-digested is quickly assimilated by the digestive machinery.

Experience and experiment in food, and its application to the human body has brought out these facts. They can be made use of and add materially to the comfort of the user.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

A TRAIN AND AUTO CRASH

TWO WERE KILLED AND EIGHT INJURED.

Only One Passenger Escaped Injury By Jumping—Accident Near Steep Grade.

Birmingham, Ala.—Two were killed outright, three fatally injured and two others may die as the result of an automobile being struck by an engine at a railroad crossing near West Lake, below Bessemer Sunday.

Dead: J. H. Roden, chauffeur, killed outright; Miss Augusta Kiser, 18, died after reaching hospital.

Injured: Miss Mary Fitzpatrick, age 15, skull fractured and fatally injured; Miss Mamie Crenshaw, age 16, skull fractured and fatally injured; Robert Black, skull fractured and fatally injured; Miss Eva Lou Crenshaw thigh broken, internally injured, may die; G. C. Dobbs, hand broken and body badly bruised; Two Parron brothers, 10 and 12 years old, respectively, badly bruised, not badly hurt; W. H. Bennett, Jr., 10 years old, badly bruised; not fatally injured.

G. O. Garner was the only passenger who escaped uninjured. He jumped from the car before the engine struck it. The automobile retains a regular passenger schedule between Bessemer and West Lake, and it was carrying eleven passengers to the lake Sunday. The machine was struck by the fast passenger train on the Southern Railway and was almost completely demolished.

There is a steep grade leading down to the Southern tracks just before West Lake is reached, and as the highway is in a cut, it was impossible for the chauffeur to see the locomotive or for the engineer to see the automobile.

The front wheels of the large automobile had just run on to the track when the engine, running at a high rate of speed struck it.

Ambulances and physicians were quickly summoned from Bessemer and the injured were taken to a hospital.

Charters Filed.

Austin, Tex.—The secretary of state Saturday filed the following charters: Fort Worth Ice Cream Company, Fort Worth; capital stock, \$1,100. Incorporators: S. M. Lawson, Ben Lawson and Tom Lawson. The Reigler Ice Cream Company of San Antonio filed an amendment, increasing its capital stock from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The Dalhart Mill and Elevator Company of Dalhart filed an amendment, increasing its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$31,000. Proof of final payment of capital stock was filed by the Dallas Elevator Company of Dallas.

Large Wool Shipment.

Taylor, Tex.—Colonel Howard Bland returned Saturday from San Angelo, Tom Green County, where he has been the past few days superintending the shipment of 503,000 pounds of wool, which he recently purchased from the flockmasters of that section. One solid trainload of nineteen cars of this wool left San Angelo Saturday, bound for Galveston, from which point it will go direct to Boston by water.

Charbon Made Clean Sweep.

Orange, Tex.—A. F. Womack, who formerly conducted a large rice plantation in Orange County, came to Orange afoot from Jefferson County Saturday, and made arrangements to move to the city of Orange, as a result of the charbon, which he says, had killed every mule, horse and cow he had. Mr. Womack is one of the many rice farmers put entirely out of business, he having lost eleven fine, big mules since the 1st of July.

Reserve Agents.

Austin, Tex.—The department of insurance and banking Saturday approved the following banks as reserve agents for state banks: West Texas Bank and Trust Company of San Antonio for Bello State Bank of Westhoff. American Bank and Trust Company of San Antonio for Chapin Guaranty State Bank of Chapin.

Long Balloon Flight Ended.

Danbury, N. H.—Ending a balloon flight of 350 miles, the longest ever made from Philadelphia, Dr. Thomas E. Eldredge and Welch Strawbridge landed at Danbury, N. H., Saturday, after having been in the air eleven hours. At one time they reached a height of 15,100 feet.

Excitement Subsidized.

San Benito, Tex.—The excitement caused by the shooting of the rangers near the Rio Grande River last Sunday has about subsided. The Brownsville rifles have been recalled, and while there is a large force of rangers there, no trouble of any kind is feared.

Extended Twenty Years.

Washington.—The controller of the currency Saturday extended the corporate existence of the Beckham National Bank of Graham, Tex., for another twenty years, or until the close of business August 4, 1930.

Postmasters Appointed.

Washington.—Postmaster appointed: Texas—Forestburg, Montague County, John R. Reeves. Oklahoma—Richmond, Woodward County, Charles Lindsay.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY KIDNEYS.

Weak kidneys fail to remove poisons from the blood and are the cause of backache, headache, urinary troubles and dizzy spells.



To insure good health, keep the kidneys well. Doan's Kidney Pills remove all kidney ills. Read what a physician says: Dr. H. Green, 215 N. 9th St., No. Yakima, Wash., says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills in my practice for years and they have given me satisfaction. I have taken Doan's Kidney Pills personally and pronounce them the best remedy I have prescribed in my long career as a physician and surgeon."

Remember the name—Doan's. For sale by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

A BLUFFER ALWAYS.



Ella—A man is as old as he feels. Stella—How about woman? Ella—She is as young as she can bluff people into thinking she is.

RAW ECZEMA ON HANDS

"I had eczema on my hands for ten years. I had three good doctors but none of them did any good. I then used one box of Cuticura Ointment and three bottles of Cuticura Resolvent and was completely cured. My hands were raw all over, inside and out, and the eczema was spreading all over my body and limbs. Before I had used one bottle, together with the Cuticura Ointment, my sores were nearly healed over, and by the time I had used the third bottle, I was entirely well. To any one who has any skin or blood disease I would honestly advise them to fool with nothing else, but get Cuticura and get well." Mrs. M. E. Fallin, Speers Ferry, Va., Oct. 19, 1909.

"My daughter's hands this summer became perfectly raw with eczema. She could get nothing that would do them any good until she tried Cuticura. She used Cuticura Resolvent and Cuticura Ointment and in two weeks they were entirely cured. I have used Cuticura for other members of my family and it always proved successful." Mrs. M. E. Fallin, Speers Ferry, Va., Oct. 19, 1909.

History Cleared Up.

The third grade was "having history." Forty youngsters were making guesses about the life and character of the Father of His Country, when the teacher propounded a question that stumped them all. "Why did a Washington cross the Delaware?"

Why, indeed? Not a child could think of anything but the answer to the famous chicken problem: "To get on the other side," and, of course, that wouldn't do. Then little Annie's hand shot into the air. Little Annie crosses the Delaware every summer herself; hence the bright idea. "Well, Annie?"

"Because he wanted to get to Atlantic City."—Philadelphia Times.

It Wouldn't Stretch.

The assessor was doing the very best he could, but the farmer was shrewd and wary.

"How many acres of farming land have you?" he inquired warily.

"Bout 20, I guess," said Reuben. "Twenty! Why, it looks to me like nearer 120. Come, now, can't you increase that a little? There are surely more than 20 acres in that tract. Suppose you stretch that a little."

"Say, feller," said the farmer, "this ain't no rubber plantation."—Harper's Monthly.

Cleaned Out.

"I can't pay this tax bill." "Then I'll take you to a police station."

"I'll pay it. But take me to the poorhouse and leave me there."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children getting, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

A wise author draws his own conclusions at the beginning.

Constipation causes and aggravates many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. The E. W. Little family laxative.

If a freeman antagonizes you tell him to go to blazes.

WILLY WAS TOO LIBERAL

Overstudy of Alcoholic Stimulants Disturbed Schedule of Funeral Arrangements.

Dean Ramsay's memoirs contain an anecdote of an old woman of Strathspay. Just before her death she solemnly instructed her grandnephew: "Willy, I'm deelin', and as ye'll hae the charge o' a' I have, mind now that as much whisky is to be used at my funeral as there was at my baptism."

Willy, having no record of the quantity consumed at the baptism, decided to give every mourner as much as he wished, with the result that the funeral procession, having to traverse ten miles to the churchyard on a short November day, arrived only at nightfall.

Then it was discovered that the mourners, halting at a wayside inn, had rested the coffin on a dyke and left it there when they resumed their journey. The corpse was a day late in arriving at the grave.

THE BEST OF ITS KIND

Is always advertised, in fact it only pays to advertise good things. When you see an article advertised in this paper year after year you can be absolutely certain that there is merit to it because the continued sale of any article depends upon merit and to keep on advertising one must keep on selling. All good things have imitators, but imitations are not advertised. They have no reputation to sustain, they never expect to have any permanent sale and your dealer would never sell them if he studied your interests. Sixteen years ago Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder for the feet, was first sold, and through newspaper advertising and through people telling each other what a good thing it was for tired and aching feet it has now a permanent sale, and nearly 20 so-called foot powders have been put on the market with the hope of profiting by the reputation which has been built up for Allen's Foot-Ease. When you ask for an article advertised in these papers see that you get it. Avoid substitutes.

Only One Cobb.

The morning after Judge Andrew Cobb, a one time justice of the supreme court of Georgia, tendered his resignation, an Atlanta lawyer and a shoe drummer sat in the same seat in an outgoing train.

The lawyer bought a newspaper and looked over the headlines. Then he turned to the drummer and said: "Well, I see Cobb has resigned."

"Gee!" said the drummer. "What will Detroit do now?"—Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

What They Did With Them.

An American who spends much of his time in England tells of a cockney who went to a dealer in dogs and thus described what he wanted. "Hi wants a kind of dog about so 'igh an' so long. Hit's a kind of gry'ound, an' yet it ain't a gry'ound, because 'is tyle 'is shorter nor any o' these 'ere gry'ounds, an' 'is nose 'is shorter, an' 'e ain't so slim round the body. But still 'e 'is a kind o' gry'ound. Do you keep such dogs?" "We do not," said the dog man. "We drown 'em."

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM. Take the Old Standard GROVES' EASTLESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteful form. The Quinine drives out the malarial and the iron builds up the system. Sold by all dealers for 30 cents. Price 35 cents.

Not Really Famous.

"Did he ever attain real eminence?" "I don't think so. He was never looked on as 'the hope of the white race.'"—Detroit Free Press.

For Red, Itching Eyelids, Crusts, Styes Falling Eyelashes and All Eyes That Need Care Try Murine Eye Salve. Aseptic Tubes—Trial Size—25c. Ask Your Druggist or Write Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.

How would it do to try the experiment of going to the erring with love, instead of law? Wouldn't it be a step nearer to paradise?

Man wants more and more of a reward each year. Familiarity breeds contempt, even of a man's own salary.

A Poor Weak Woman

As she is termed, will endure bravely and patiently agonies which a stronger man would give way under. The fact is women are more patient than they ought to be under such troubles.

Every woman ought to know that she may obtain the most experienced medical advice free of charge and in absolute confidence and privacy by writing to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, R. V. Pierce, M. D., President, Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce has been chief consulting physician of the 'Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y., for many years and has had a wider practical experience in the treatment of women's diseases than any other physician in this country. His medicines are world-famous for their astonishing efficacy.

The most perfect remedy ever devised for weak and delicate women is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

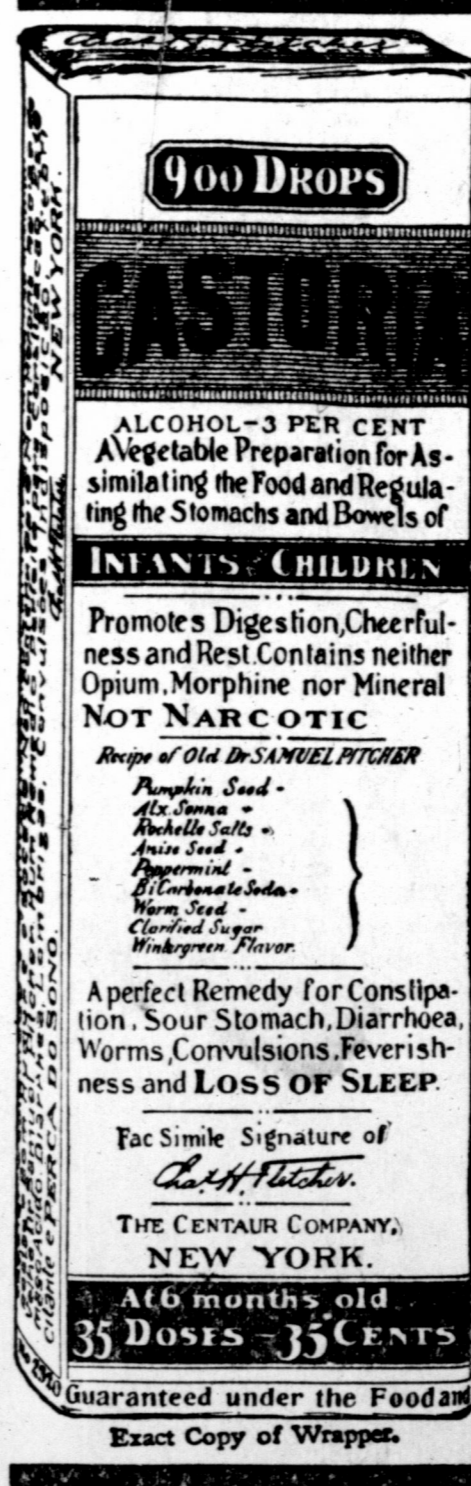
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119 Years Old When He Died.

Paddy Blake, who was born at Ballygreen, parish of Kilmacoolagh, county Clare, Ireland, 119 years ago, has died in the Corofin Union hospital. Paddy had a clear memory of events that happened a hundred years ago and was one of those who went to see Daniel O'Connell passing through Bunratty Pike on his way to Ennis for the great election of 1828.

Men who sit in silence are either meditating good or evil—money making for self, or making money go to benefit others.



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HED-LYTE

The new liquid headache and neuralgia medicine. Safe, Pleasant and Effective. 10c, 25c and 50c bottles at all Drug Stores. Manufactured by THE HED-LYTE COMPANY, DALLAS, TEXAS.

Oh! That Awful Gas

Did you hear it? How embarrassing. These stomach noises make you wish you could sink through the floor. You imagine everyone hears them. Keep a box of CAS-CARETS in your purse or pocket and take a part of one after eating. It will relieve the stomach of gas. 10c.

CASCARETS 10c a box for a week's treatment. All druggists. Biggest seller in the world—million boxes a month.

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Your ideas. 64-page book and advice FREE. Established 1896. Fitzgeralds Co. Box 2, Washington, D. C. never sticks to the iron.

Advertisement for Resinol showing a bottle and text: NETTLE RASH, ERYSIPELAS, POISON IVY, ITCHING ECZEMA, SCALDS. RING WORM, ERUPTIONS, ABRASIONS, CHAFING, HEPRES, BURNS. used in time will cure nearly every form of skin disease. It is a wonder worker. A recognized specific for itching and inflamed piles. RESINOL CHEMICAL COMPANY, BALTIMORE, MD. Resinol Ointment, Resinol Toilet Soap, Resinol Medicated Shaving Stick are sold at Drug Stores.

You Look Prematurely Old Because of those ugly, grizzly, gray hairs. Use "LA CREOLE" HAIR RESTORER. PRICE, \$1.00, retail.

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This rifle is built for settled districts, where good range and killing power are desired, with safety to the neighborhood.

The Marlin 25-20 is a light, quick-handling, finely-balanced repeater, with the solid top, closed-in breech and side ejection features which make Marlin guns safe and agreeable to use and certain in action.

It is made to use the powerful new high velocity smokeless loads with jacketed bullets as well as the well-known black powder and low pressure smokeless cartridges and is the ideal rifle for target work, for woodchucks, geese, hawks, foxes, etc., up to 200 yards.

This rifle and ammunition, and all other Marlin repeaters, are fully described in our 15-page catalog. Free for 3 stamps postage.

The Marlin Firearms Co., NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Nothing in the Paper.

Frequently you pick up a local paper and after glancing at it, wearily throw it aside, remarking, "Nothing in the paper this week." Did you ever stop to think what that phrase means? It means that in the week just passed no misfortune has befallen anyone in your community; that no fire has wiped out a neighbor's worldly goods; that the grim angel of death has crossed no threshold of a friend; that no man, driven by liquor, hatred or fear has taken the life of a fellow human, that no poor devil, haunted by the past or misled by some other, has crossed the great divide by his own hand. So the next time you pick up a paper that doesn't announce a tragedy, give a little thanks instead of grumbling because there is no news. Or if you would rather, shall we dish up a choice morsel of scand? Would your eyes grow round and would you smack your lips with a relish if we were to write up a sensation? Do you think "you've got" that little secret all locked up away from everybody? Well, if you could only look over the stories in the editor's little book you would be surprised in all probability to see your name written there, and further, a story in detail which you fondly thought was all your own. Nothing in the paper? Do you long to see a procession of skeletons marching by your door? We all have our failings, and none are immune.—Kansas City Journal.

Producers

To promote the prosperity of a community we must increase our wealth. To increase wealth, we must create property, increase the value of property, and move property into the community. The farm, the mine and the fisheries are the natural wealth creating lines of industry. They create property. The building of factories, railroads, opening mines and farms add wealth to adjoining property. They increase the value of property. The immigrant and the capitalist in moving to Texas and buying farms and building railroads and factories bring property with them. They move property into the State. So view it as you will, to be prosperous we must create property, increase the value of property and move property into the community. The man who increases our wealth through either of these channels is a producer and is a public benefactor. There are other important factors in the development of a community, but production is the basis of all prosperity.

In discussing economic subjects it is customary to divide the people into two classes—the producer and the consumer. The farmer is the most prominent type of the Texas producer.



A Producer.

The producer is interested in producing all he can and getting as high prices for his products as he can. The consumer is interested in consuming as little as he can and buying it as cheaply as he can. The tramp is the highest type of an exclusive consumer.

SOCIETIES

Las Moras Lodge No. 444 A. F. & M. meets first and third Saturday in month in Masonic Hall, over the Post Office. A cordial invitation to all visiting Brethren. WILL W. PRICE, Worshipful Master; Dr. M. C. BYRNE, Secretary.

The Bracketville Chapter U. D. Order of The Eastern Star meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8. p. m. Visiting members are cordially invited. Mrs. AGNES DOOLEY, W. M. MRS. ROSA G. PERRY, Secretary.

Echo Lodge No. 279 I. O. O. F. meets every Thursday night at their Lodge room in Fillippone Hall. Visiting Brethren cordially invited to attend. THOS. SCARBOROUGH, Noble Grand; WILL W. PRICE, Secretary.

Rosewood Camp No. 128 W. O. W. meets every Wednesday night in their Hall over Stratton & Company's store. Visiting Sovereigns invited to attend. Dr. F. J. GILSON, C. C. A. A. BITTER, Clerk.

Las Moras Lodge No. 2383 W. O. W. meets every Friday night in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting Sovereigns invited to attend. CHAS. KARTER, C. C. JOE. FILLIPPONE, Clerk.

WELL WORK.

I am now better prepared to do your work. I have a gasoline engine outfit and can give satisfaction to anyone. See me or write me at Brackett.

W. R. Jackson,
The Well Driller.

Markets

It is as important to properly market as it is to properly raise farm products. We are a producing country and therefore interested in markets and market facilities for our products. The world's average is two acres of cultivated land per capita while in Texas we have seven acres of cultivated land per capita leaving a surplus production of five acres of cultivated land for each individual which must be sold. The world's average in consumption of cotton is thirteen bales per 1,000 population; in Texas we raise one thousand bales of cotton per one thousand population or one bale per capita. We have a surplus production of 987 bales of cotton per one thousand population for sale. Texas produces 20 per cent of the cotton of the world and on a per capita basis uses one fourth of one per cent. We not only produce a large surplus but, through lack of diversification, concentrate our production—making a deficit in certain lines of production, equally as abnormal as our surplus production in other lines. We are a people of producers and interested in receiving a high price for our products. An increase of one cent per pound in the market price of cotton on 1908 basis of production will place in the hands of the Texas producers of cotton \$20,000,000 and take out of the pockets of the Texas consumers of cotton goods \$250,000 leaving a trade balance of \$19,750,000 in our favor, says the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association.

The Sweet Girl Graduate.

A friend of mine asks that the following be printed in this department:

"Now, Phyllis, you have graduated; lay aside that Oxford cap and graduating dress. Put them away with a moth ball and take your bearings. Begin by getting up in the morning at 5 o'clock, without disturbing your tired old mother, put on a cook apron and get the family breakfast as if you hadn't done anything else in all your life. Then wash the dishes, clean the house, churn and do all the innumerable little things that your mother has done for you all these years; fill your life and hands with at least a part of the cares and burdens from which she has shielded you. Show mother and father you are worth educating; that you are a fair return for the years of toil and self-sacrifices that have endured to fit you for a position in life. You owe it to your parents to prove that the investment made in your education has not been thrown away."

An Exclusive Consumer.

The tramp consumes as little as he can and gets it as cheaply as he can. Low price products make tramp life easy and farm life difficult, and vice versa. All the people are consumers, and most all people consume more or less the products of another. Most all the people are producers directly or indirectly, and net profits accrue only by production exceeding consumption. High prices for products of the farm, mine, factory, etc., and all lines of productive and industrial endeavor encourage development and promote prosperity. Low prices cheapen labor, stagnate development, discourage production and destroy prosperity.

NEAT LITTLE PICK-UP.

When it became known that he could live but a short time, Mr. Lewis Overholzer of Emmitsburg, Md., called his daughter to his bedside and told her to go up in the attic of the house and raise the top from a certain step, under which would be found a tin box. She did as directed and found the tin box, which contained \$3,000 in gold and silver. The box and its contents had been placed under the step for safe-keeping during the civil war and had not been disturbed since. The family knew nothing of the hidden treasure and were much surprised to recover it. Mr. Overholzer died a few weeks ago.

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Haircuts in the latest styles. Everything up to date. Courteous treatment to all. Agents for White Star Laundry & Opposite News Office.

WILL DOOLEY, Proprietor

Notice to Stockmen.

There is some fresh branded steers branded with U upside down on the left side in the pastures between the head of Mud Creek and the Pinto Mountain belonging to Jim Borroum & Co. in charge of Herbst Bros.

Lots for Sale Cheap.

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Mrs. Stubb—John, I have some old novels I thought about donating to the home for disabled sailors. Here is one intensely interesting. In the first chapter during a fiery argument the hero, red hot with anger, rushes at the villain with blazing eyes. Then the heroine with glowing cheeks—

Mr. Stubb—Hold on, Maria. That's not appropriate reading for disabled sailors. You had better send it down to the home for retired firemen. Gee! Such a novel as that needs a fire extinguisher with every chapter.

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